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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)
SUBJECT: Installation of Air Conditioning

1. The statutory prohibition against installation of air conditioning by other than the GSA in the District of Columbia permits exception only where the equipment is provided for purposes of ventilating and temperature and humidity control for special laboratory, scientific, and research purposes. Under certain rather unusual circumstances it is also conceivable that we might properly act within the authority of our own law. However, in view of the statutory restriction and the comments of the Director of Security that security reasons cannot be cited as the sole justification for such equipment, it would not appear that there is appropriate justification for purchase and installation of the machines by the Agency.

2. It is our understanding that there has as yet been no request made to GSA to determine whether they might have either equipment or funds available. There is, of course, no legal objection to making such request if it is decided to be desirable.

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